



1 Km 3773

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Marc O. SCHURR et al.

Application No.: 09/957,451

Filed: September 21, 2001

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
FOLDING AND SECURING
TISSUE

)
)
) Group Art Unit: 3773

)
) Examiner: Darwin P. Erez

)
) Confirmation No.: 2507

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a final Office Action and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified under § 1.17(p) and a statement as specified under § 1.97(e).

The document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Canadian Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

A copy of the listed U.S. patent is not enclosed.

04/21/2009 AWONDAF1 00000093 09957451
01 FC:1806 180.00 OP

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document.

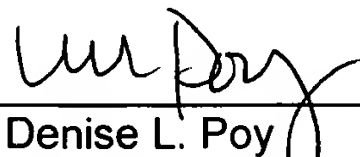
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: April 20, 2009

By: 
Denise L. Poy
Reg. No. 53,480